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Letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit herewith resolution 6223 dated 5 September 2002, entitled "Support for the Republic of the Comoros". The above-mentioned resolution was adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at the level of Ministers for Foreign Affairs at its one hundred eighteenth regular session, held from 3 to 5 September 2002 at the League of Arab States headquarters in Cairo.

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to the present letter and its annex, and have them circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Yahya **Mahmassani**
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Annex to the letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

Support for the Union of the Comoros

The Ministerial-level Council of the League of Arab States,

Having considered:

The note by the secretariat;

The preliminary report of the Secretary-General;

And the recommendation of the Political Committee,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the subject,

Decides:

1. To express its satisfaction at such positive recent developments in the Comoros as the implementation of the Framework Agreement for Reconciliation in the Comoros of 17 February 2001 and the election of a State president and of governors of the three Comorian islands in a framework of impartiality and transparency and while maintaining the country's unity and territorial integrity;

2. To approve the opening of a League of Arab States liaison office in the Union of the Comoros in order to support the League's role in achieving stability and supervise the implementation of inter-Arab projects in the Comoros;

3. To invite member States to provide, on an urgent basis, financial and technical assistance to the Union of the Comoros through their bilateral contacts, to enable the Comorian Government to reactivate State institutions and, in particular, to reopen the schools and to equip and operate the hospitals in all the islands, and to help the Comoros to overcome its economic crisis and enable it to bring about the equally balanced development of its islands;

4. To request member States to remit their contributions to the Comoros support fund in implementation of Beirut summit resolution 230 C so that the secretariat may continue to establish economic development projects in the Union of the Comoros;

5. To request the Secretary-General, acting in coordination with contributing States, to take the necessary measures to begin the implementation of development projects in the Union of the Comoros in the light of the sums available in the Comoros support fund;

6. To urge the inter-Arab and international funds to invest in economic development areas in the Union of the Comoros;

7. To invite the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa to expedite the implementation of Amman summit resolution 211, which calls for the least developed Afro-Arab countries, including the Union of the Comoros, to be allowed to benefit from its loans and its assistance;

8. Requests member States, acting in coordination with the secretariat and the Arab League Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to support efforts to promote education in the Arabic language, the dissemination of Arab culture and the Arabization of the curricula at all levels of primary and secondary education in the Union of the Comoros;

9. To thank the Secretary-General for the efforts he has made, in cooperation with the African Union, the International Organization of la Francophonie and other international and regional organizations, to achieve reconciliation, stability and unity in the Comoros; and to request the Secretary-General to pursue his efforts and to submit a report on this item to the Council at its next session.

(Resolution 118/6223, adopted by the Ministerial-level Council of the League of Arab States on 5 September 2002 at the third meeting of its one hundred and eighteenth regular session)